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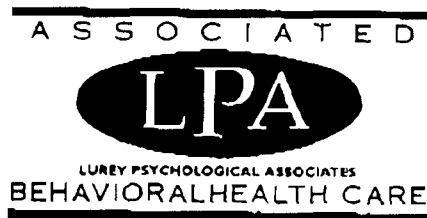
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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Please support the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. There needs to be a resolution of this case. I think that the terms agreed to are reasonable, since they offer increased competition, without calling for the break -up of Microsoft.

The settlement calls for improved design features, more competition among computer makers and software developers, and a technology committee to review complaints. The settlement would benefit the state, the IT industry, and the economy.

Since many of the obligations extend to products that were not part of the original lawsuit, I believe this is more than a reasonable compromise by Microsoft. Again, I ask you to please support this settlement.

Sincerely,

Edward Lurey

cc: Representative Howard Coble

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